



To The Huntingdon Urban District Council,  
Gentlemen,

In accordance with a request from the Ministry of Health, I present an interim report upon the health of the Borough of Huntingdon for the year 1941. Following instructions from the Ministry, the local population and relative percentage figures have been omitted from this annual report. Moreover, no reference has been made to any wartime industrial, military, or other important developments, such as extension of water supply, or sewerage works, or other public utility undertakings.

### General and Vital Statistics.

Area in acres.	2151 acres.			
Births Registered.	Legitimate	73	M 29.	F. 44
	Illegitimate	5	M. 3.	F. 2.
	Total.	78		
Stillbirths		2	M. 1.	F. 1
Deaths due to Childbirth		Nil		
Infantile Mortality		3	M. 1.	F. 2
Deaths Registered		71	M. 33.	F. 38.
23 over 70 years of age				
10 over 80.				
1 over 90.				

### Infectious Diseases.

Number of cases notified.	
Typhoid - paratyphoid	1
Scarlet Fever	21
Whooping Cough	69
Diphtheria	17 - increase.
Erysipelas	2
Measles.	30 - substantial decrease
Pneumonia	36 - increase.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	2 -

The schools were not closed during the year for epidemics. 336 children were immunised against Diphtheria during the year, 87 under 5 years of age, and 249 between 5 and 15 years. Thirteen of the Diphtheria cases notified were due to an outbreak at the County Hospital, and these had not been immunised. Only 5 of the total 17 cases were children under the age of 15 years.

### Deaths from Infectious Diseases.

Tuberculosis	5
Pneumonia.	4
Deaths from Cancer.	15.

There was a slight decrease in the birth rate, and a small increase in the death rate, but the latter can chiefly be accounted for by the fact that 24 aged people died in 1940, and 34 in 1941.





Causes of Death 1941.

All Causes.	Males. 33.	Females. 38.
Tuberculosis	3	2
Syphilitic diseases	1	1
Influenza	1	4
Cancer	7	8
Diabetes	1	1
Intracranial Vascular Lesions	3	4
Heart Disease	5	4
Bronchitis	2	4
Pneumonia	2	2
Other respiratory diseases	0	1
Digestive disease (unclassified)	1	0
Nephritis	1	2
Premature birth,	1	0
Con: mal:, birth inj:, infant dis:	0	1
Suicide	1	0
Other violent causes	2	0
All other causes.	2	4

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